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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

Dear friends,

South Africa was AMAZING! If you haven’t been keeping up with our Facebook page (David Rives Ministries), you really need to go check it out, as we’ve been sharing some photos and video of the wildlife that we spotted there, as well as the group of friends, old and new, that we were able to spend time with in the bushveld.

We were completely full this year, and already have a number of people booked for next year, so if you missed out going with me, then be sure to put your name down right away for next year.

I recently had the opportunity to head to Branson and share a creation-based song at the IMAX complex there at James Garrett’s show, then presented Bible Knows Best for a private dinner along with Randy Plummer,





Steve Feldman, and Barbara Fairchild.

Then I headed to Arkansas and was honored to give a presentation at Jim Bob Duggar's house (19 Kids and Counting) to the family and friends. We are now busy setting up two new displays in the Wonders of Creation Center. An exciting new "Raptor" display and a "Dragons of Kansas" exhibit is soon to be completed.

Recently we had a "movie night" at the Wonders of Creation Center and we aired the award-winning documentary on Hummingbirds "Refracted Glory". We asked children to bring a drawing or colored picture of a hummingbird and awarded prizes based on the best entry.

Check out the winner's artwork (top right), brought in by 13 year old Christina C. from Falkville, Alabama.

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As always, we ask for your continued prayers and support. We'll be announcing a new set of DVDs on Radiometric Dating and the age of the earth in the next issue.

I can't wait to share more of the exciting things coming soon, but until next month, keep looking up! Truly, the heavens declare the Glory of God!



-David Rives

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GOD'S TINY GPS

Have you ever been lost? You've just traveled to a large, unfamiliar city and find yourself confused by all the roads, signage, and traffic lights. It's an unsettling feeling to realize that you are lost and most of all that you don't have a clue which way to take. At this point you might be thinking, that's what a map is for! Or in our day and age – a GPS (global positioning system).

Although we need maps, GPS devices, and GoogleMaps to show us where to go, I'm going to introduce you to God's little GPS.

Now, this little creature is not what you'd expect. It is small, has delicate wings, and is a stunning beauty when fully formed.

You'd never think that something so tiny and so fragile could be so extraordinary. But it seems God's creation has a habit of astounding us in every way and in every creature. Let me introduce you to this extraordinary wonder that Carolus Linnaeus in his *Systema Naturae* of 1758 placed in the genus *Papilio*.

It's no other than the magnificent Monarch Butterfly. Not only does this butterfly find its way wherever it goes, but it knows exactly when to take the arduous migration 2,500 miles from the Great Lakes in Canada to the warm Central Mexican Oyamel fir forests in the Michoacan hills.

To Scientists, this little wonder is just that – awe-inspiring. How does it do it? Some attribute it to mere instinct. But no one wants to talk about where the instinct or "programming" comes from.

Let's delve into the life of a Monarch Butterfly, and get a glimpse of its life stages.

This amazing butterfly starts its life as a caterpillar or larvae. It goes through 5 stages of molting before reaching its pupa

or chrysalis stage. During four out of the five stages the caterpillar will eat the shed skin called, "instar".

In the fifth instar, ten to twelve hours before shedding or molting its skin for the last time, the caterpillar spins a strong silk to suspend itself from. It wriggles and moves up and down, back and forth and before long the pupa skin hardens causing a shell to form. And that's when an amazing transformation comes alive.

Eight to fifteen days later the still and silent pupa goes through a change. The skin takes on a transparent look and we see color - a vivid orange and black. The whole pupa then starts to shake and crack, and a breathtaking butterfly regally emerges from the old and dried-up skin of the pupa.

PUPA STAGE



We can truly take a lesson from this transformation of the Monarch butterfly.

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” Ephesians 4:24

Just as the Monarch goes through an amazing process to becoming a beautiful creature of flight, so we are to become new in Christ and His righteousness!

Now back to the Butterfly. There’s something strange about the monarch’s migration. What makes them so unique is that only the fourth-generation monarchs migrate. The other butterflies in the first to third generation die six weeks after emerging from their pupa stage. Staggeringly different, the fourth generation monarchs have a life span of six to eight months.

What is even more extraordinary is that the four separate butterflies and the four stages of butterflies complete their whole cycle in just one year. When a new year begins, the cycle starts all over with the primary stage of the monarch butterfly.

When the Fourth generation comes along, this little creature flies 12-25 miles an hour and makes the unforgettable trek 2500 miles across mountainous ranges, plains and valleys, and ocean spaces. It has no guide. It has no map. And still more amazing is the fact that its never been on this journey before in its lifetime.

But it knows its destination and flies, gliding on and taking advantage of updrafts of warm air called thermals. Who taught this little GPS where to go? Who taught it to use thermals to make its way easier and smoother? Who programmed this little wonder to know when and how to take this trip and where its destination is without ever taking this journey before? And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and

cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:25

God made butterflies on the sixth day. It was none other than the Creator of the Heavens, and the maker of our world that delicately formed and powerfully programmed this little GPS flying wonder. So, next time you are using your GPS or a map, remember the flying wonder – remember the Monarch Butterfly!

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From British Columbia, Canada, Victoria has design certifications from Ryerson University and has been featured internationally. She contributes regularly to the Creation Club. With a passion for anything creative, creation-oriented, and God-honoring, her articles have encouraged others around the world. - Article Copyright © Victoria Rowbottom



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In the coming weeks expect to see a line up of amazing guests including behavioral psychologist Dr. Dan Biddle of Genesis Apologetics, Dr. Georgia Purdom of AIG, and Dr. Jake Hebert from ICR, as they present a variety of topics ranging from the Ice Age to antibiotic resistance.



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SKYWATCH

July 27 - The red planet Mars will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long.

July 28, 29 - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower. The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It peaks this year on the night of July 28 and morning of July 29.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

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"Wow! we are so grateful for GSN, & all of your affiliates." - Jean W.

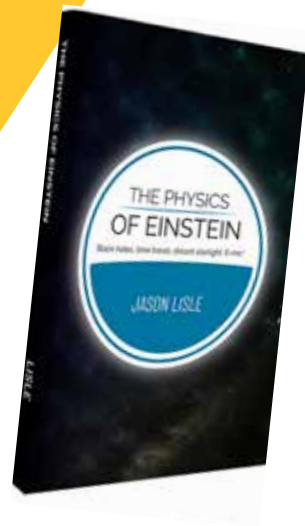
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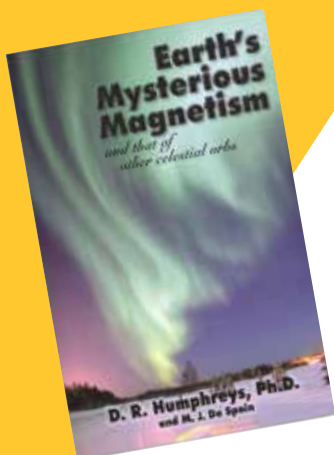
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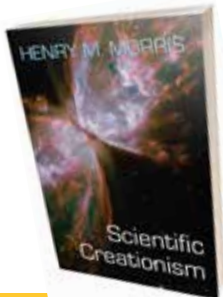


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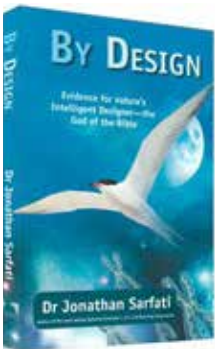
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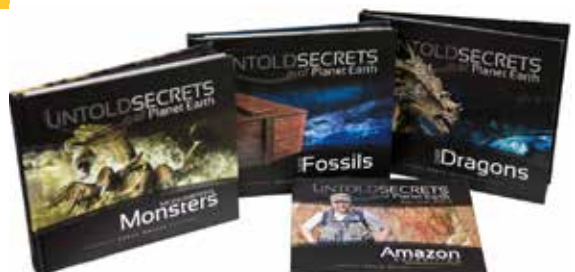
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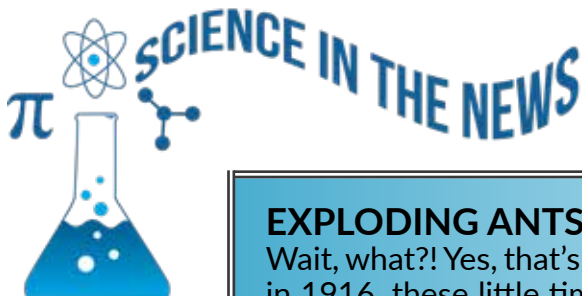
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EXPLODING ANTS!

Wait, what?! Yes, that's right – ants that explode! First mentioned in 1916, these little time-bombs will sacrifice themselves in defense of their colony by “exploding.” The explosion isn't as much like a bomb – it's more like a flex, tear, and oozing out. Not very pleasant for either the defendant or attacker. The “explosion” releases a yellow, sticky, toxic goo from the ant's glands. When the goo gets on an attacker, it will kill them or at least hold them off until backup arrives. These little explosive bundles of interest live in the tropical canopies of rainforests in Southeast Asia. Due to lack of data, no new species have been formally described since 1935. Instead, scientists have been using a blanket term for members of this unique group of insects - *Colobopsis cylindrica*, or “the exploding ants.” Scientists recently identified a “model species” now named *Colobopsis explodens* (previously nicknamed “Yellow Goo” for the bright yellow goo produced when it popped). Researchers picked this ant as the model species for exploding ants because it seemed be “particularly prone to self-sacrifice when threatened by enemy arthropods, as well as intruding researchers.” A “model species” means that this species will be an important starting point as researchers continue to define other unique species

-David Mikkelson - Science Daily April 2018



CHOCOLATE



A recent study at a university in California shows that dark chocolate is very good for you. Dark chocolate reduces stress and inflammation in your body. It also helps your immune system, memory, and mood. Even without this study, I personally could have told you that eating dark chocolate improves my mood and reduces my stress level! How dark should your chocolate be to reap these great benefits? Well, the benefits come from cacao (not the sugar), so your chocolate needs to be at least 70% cacao. If you are a milk chocolate person and the taste of chocolate this dark does not taste good to you, it might be a good idea to gradually work your way up to chocolate this dark. After all, if eating chocolate can be good for you, why not give the darker chocolate a try? God created food that is not only good for you but also delicious and fun to eat! Please note: this information is for educational purposes only, not as medical advice.

-Sara J. Mikkelson - Source: Science Daily April 2018

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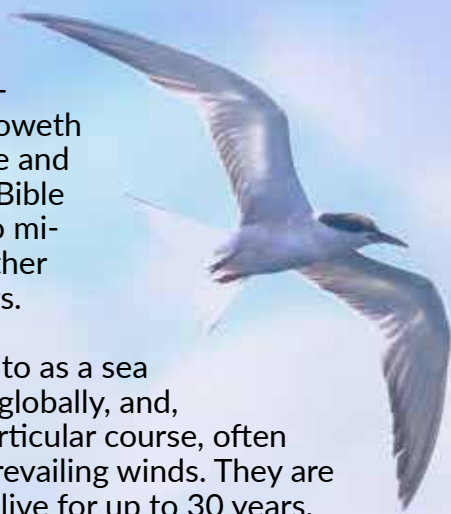
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Arctic Terns - God's Frequent Fliers

In the book of Job, God asks the following question: “Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?” In Jeremiah 8, we read “Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow...” Is this merely poetic, or does the Bible know best? It's true, birds know when it's time to migrate, and typically, they follow the warmer weather south for winter, and back north as summer nears.



The Arctic Tern is a sea bird, sometimes referred to as a sea swallow. There are around 1 million Arctic Terns globally, and, just like other birds, they migrate. They take a particular course, often varying from year to year to take advantage of prevailing winds. They are known to mate for life, and have been known to live for up to 30 years.

However, unlike other birds, their migration paths are quite extraordinary. You see, terns may begin their journey in Greenland, or the Netherlands, and pick a path southward, down the African coast... but they don't stop there. Some have been tracked to fly as far east as Australia, before they turn down and spend a good portion of the year in Antarctica. As they begin their North migration, they will many times trace an entirely different route back, to end up in the far northern hemisphere once more. A 56,000 mile annual journey, equalling up to 1.5 million miles in their lifetime.

Do birds fly by our wisdom? Or does the remarkable Arctic Tern point to a much smarter Designer, who instilled the inherent knowledge of migration in the fowl of the air? I'm David Rives, Truly, the Heavens Declare the Glory of God!



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IS FOSSIL ORDER A PROBLEM FOR CREATIONISTS?

Why is there an apparent order in the fossil record from simple life to more complex? In the Flood Model marine creatures would be buried before land animals. But is the standard Geologic Column valid? There are places on the earth where ALL the geologic periods overlay the Pre-Cambrian (Pre-Flood). In fact, 23.2% of the Ordovician is directly on top of the Pre-Cambrian and 18.6% of the Devonian is directly on top of the Pre-Cambrian.

How do we explain the order where it does exist (e.g. Grand Canyon and correlated deposits)? Harold Clark proposed his ecological zonation theory back in 1946 in his book *The New Diluvialism* – animals in habitats at higher elevations would be buried later during the Deluge. There a number of factors that explain the observed order of fossils.

- Pre-Flood Biogeography (Ecological Zonation)
- Early Burial of Marine Creatures (95% of all fossils are shallow marine organisms)
- Hydrodynamic Sorting (diameter, sphericity and density)
- Behavior & Higher Mobility of Vertebrates (instinct and intelligence)

How do creationists predict the fossil sequence? Birds are found later in the record since they can escape a Flood more

easily. Creation Geology Theory predicts the initial strata would show great diversity – that's what the Cambrian Explosion is all about. Another important factor is that there are Pre-Flood, Deluge and Post-Flood deposits. Andrew Snelling places the start of the Post-Flood era around the KT boundary.

The Cambrian Explosion, where a wide diversity of life appears suddenly, is consistent with Global Flood Theory, but is a great headache for anti-creationists – Darwin's Dilemma. As Stephen Jay Gould (d. 2002) stated, "... if the true ancestors of Cambrian creatures lacked hard parts, why have we not found them in the abundant deposits that contain the soft-bodied Ediacara fauna?"

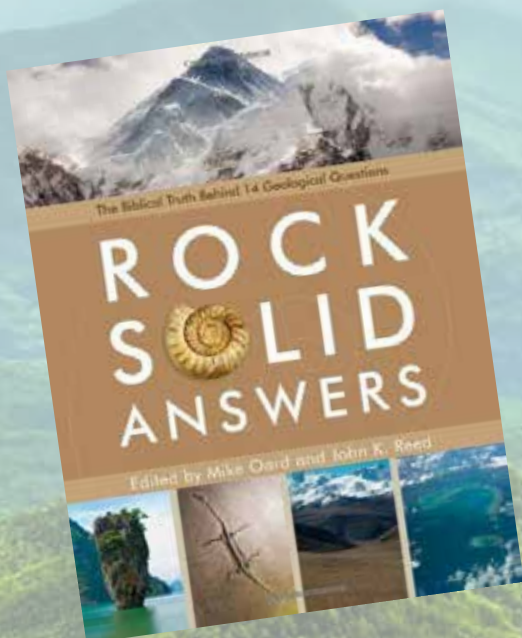
Vertebrates have been found in the Lower Cambrian. In 1969, it was thought that the first vertebrate appeared in the Middle Ordovician. According to *The Complete Encyclopedia of Fossils*, jawless fish (*Pteraspis*) appear in the Cambrian. Wikipedia still places them in the Devonian! In 1988, *The Washington Post* reported on jawless fish found in Bolivia and dated at 470M (Early Ordovician), 20 million years older than previously dated. The BBC reported on a jawless fish found in the Lower Cambrian in China! Apparent bird tracks have been found in Carboniferous strata, over 150M before *Archaeopteryx*!

Are there mammals in lower layers? Yes! In 1969 it was thought that the first

mammals began about 170 million years ago. Now it is accepted that the first mammal existed 260 million years ago – that's a difference of 90M! Mammal footprints have been found in rocks at least 275M and, in similar fashion, horse hoofprints have been found in strata at least 350M (this would put horses at 300 million years older than previously thought). Likewise, cuttlefish were found in the Lower Cambrian in 1974 thus extending their range back 400M! In 1958 echinoids were thought to go back as far as the Middle Ordovician, but since then have been found in the Lower Cambrian – a change of tens of millions of years! Before 1963, it was generally accepted that Belemnoids first appeared in the Tri-

assic. Actually, they were discovered in the Devonian in 1843.

Empire Mountain exhibits a reversal in the accepted order where the Permian rests on the Cretaceous (out-of-order) with no evidence of a thrust plane, but actually having an unconformity which indicates erosion. If we consider this as an overthrust, then only catastrophism associated with the Flood can explain such massive rock movements. John Morris tells how 50 large carbonate blocks moved over 30 miles at an incline of less than two degrees. Catastrophic Plate Tectonics may help power this mass movement.



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WHY TWO DIFFERENT CREATION ACCOUNTS IN GENESIS 1 & 2?

At first glance, the book of Genesis appears to have two accounts of creation. This has been the subject of ongoing debate among scholars. However, the account in Chapter 2 is actually a particularization of the account in Chapter 1. That is, the account in Genesis 2 expands upon the creation account presented in Genesis 1. Genesis 2 provides details about a few aspects of creation, mainly the accounts of how man and woman were created.

In my studies of the Bible, I have noticed when something is especially worthy of attention, it is a text that receives a lot of “press time” or provides very particular details about an event. For example, the gospel of Matthew contains three chapters about the events surrounding the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. In the case of Genesis 1, it records that men and women were created in the image of God. Then in Genesis 2, the creation of humans receives even more “press time” which expands the reader’s comprehension of the topic.

God created man out of dust and breathed life into him (Genesis 2:7). God noticed that man was lonely and decided to create a helpmate for him (Genesis 2:18). This helpmate, which the man would call woman, was created from the man’s flesh taken from his side (Genesis 2:22-23).

Those extra details in the Genesis 2 account demonstrate several things. First, the account in Genesis 2 affirms the account in Genesis 1. There is no contradiction between the two accounts. Second, there is nothing in this account that would hint at an evolutionary beginning. We are told specifically the manner in which God created the first two humans.

Third, this chapter affirms the institution of marriage presented in Chapter 1. Marriage is to be between a man and a woman; after all, woman was created from man. Finally, there is a special relationship between a man and his wife that was established from the time of creation. The woman was made from the man’s flesh, for the purpose of being his helpmate. She was given by God to man. Of course, after the Fall, the roles of man and woman became distorted. There are definite attacks on the institution of marriage even today, and many who argue that humans evolved from animals over millions of years.

With so much “press time” given to the creation of man and woman in Genesis 1 and 2, we have complete confidence that God used His creative power to bring about the first two humans on planet Earth. These two chapters give specific details about HOW they were created. We did not have to be given these details. It could have just been written that we were created by God, and then that would have left the door wide open for a variety of ideas about how humankind originated and developed. However, it is perfectly clear from these texts that God desired that we know exactly how human life began.

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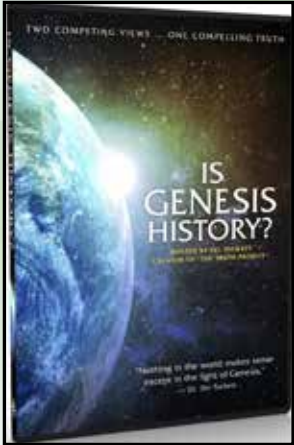
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